

# SCQF Framework

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- [About the SCQF](#)

# What is the SCQF?

- The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) is Scotland's national qualifications framework.
- It includes:
  - National Qualifications (N3–N5, Higher, Advanced Higher)
  - National Progression Awards (NPAs)
  - Skills for Work (SfW)
  - National Certificates
  - Foundation Apprenticeships
  - College and university qualifications
- This Framework helps people of all ages and from all walks of life to gain access to education and support life long learning

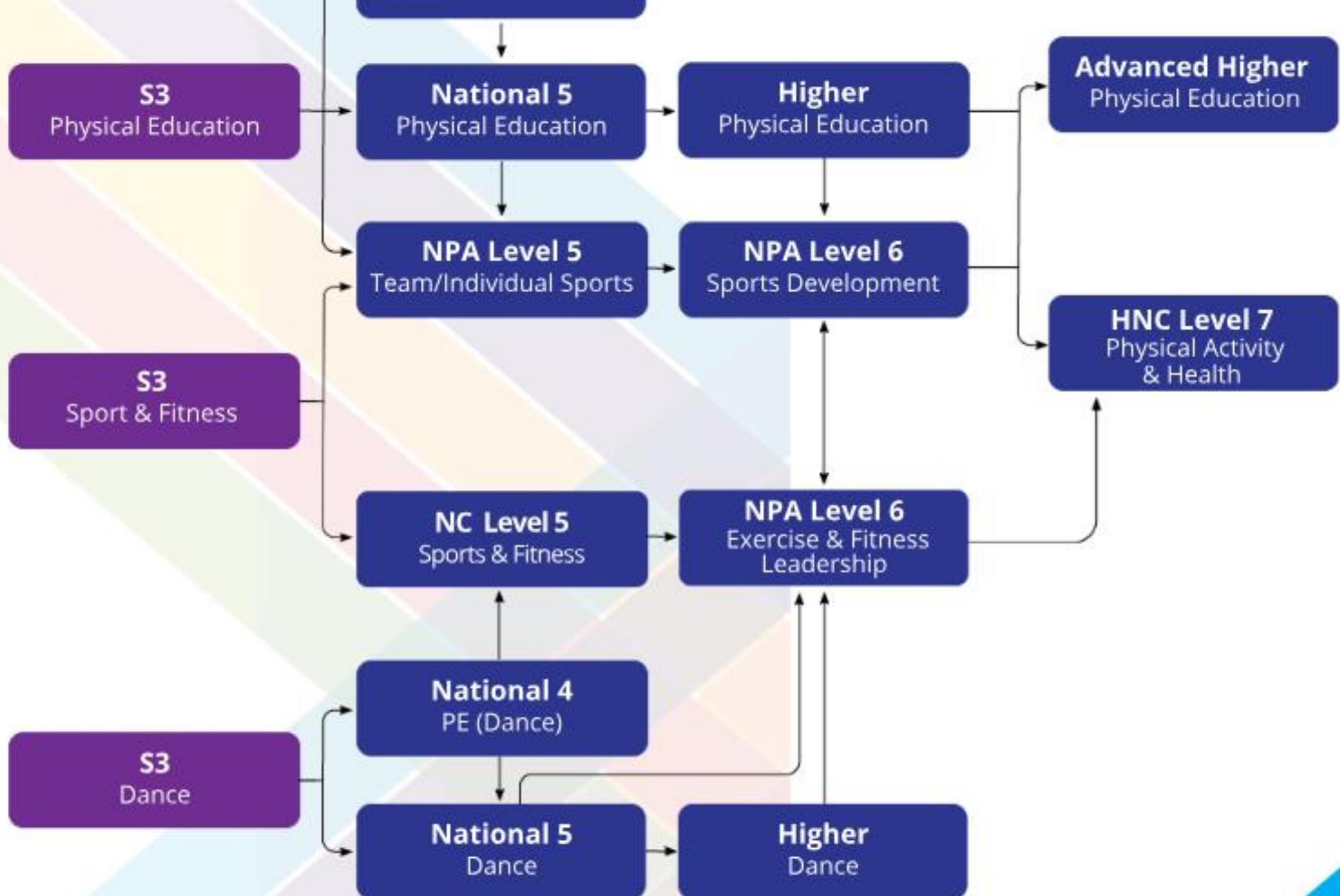
# What are SCQF Levels?

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework has 12 levels.

These levels range from National Level 1, which is started at school, and go right up to Level 12 and gains you a Doctoral Degree.

# What are SCQF Levels?

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			↑	Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			↑	Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			↑	Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher		↑		Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5		↓		Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards		↓		



- **SCQF Pathways in Scotland**
  - **Traditional Route**
  - S3 → National 5 → Higher → Advanced Higher
- **Alternative Pathways**
- S3 → NPA Level 5 / SfW Level 5 → Level 6 (Higher, NPA, FA, College)
- **Why They're Useful**
  - Flexible progression routes for all learners
  - Recognise practical and vocational strengths
  - Support engagement through applied learning
  - Maintain progression to Level 6 and beyond
  - Designed to develop skills needed in the workplace

Hear from a pupil who has experienced using the SCQF framework in school.

We will now look at some examples on our Craigmount website

[Curriculum Pathways – Craigmount High School](#)

